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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING: 1400 hours, 6 August 1956
Room 1521, Barton Hall

1. Consideration of the wording of an OCB progress report regarding NSC-169
2. The following is the draft text of sections concerning signal monitoring and technical effectiveness:
 - A. SUMMARY OF OPERATING PROGRESS IN RELATION TO MAJOR NSC OBJECTIVES

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2. Summary Evaluation

a. With respect to augmentation of signal monitoring (reference Paragraph 2 of NSC 169) there has been little progress in the period under review.

b. With respect to a mechanism for intelligence evaluation of information concerning the technical effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting, particularly to the Soviet bloc (reference Paragraph 8-a of NSC 169) such a mechanism has been established in CIA and is producing periodic and special reports based on information from presently available sources, although adequate measurements of the technical effectiveness of US international broadcasting are not yet available.

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B. MAJOR PROBLEMS OR AREAS OF DIFFICULTY

1. A major problem exists with respect to signal monitoring since many priority requirements in this field have been established by both military and civilian agencies, and ways and means have not yet been found of satisfying these requirements.

2. With respect to technical effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting (reference Paragraph 8-a of NSC 169), the major problem has been the difficulty of fully assessing the technical effectiveness within the target areas based on the information available. The reports to date have been based largely on observations at listening posts on the periphery, augmented in a few areas

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by reports from within the target. The external observations are considered to be indicative of the situation within adjacent parts of the target area wherever local jamming transmitters are not established. It has not yet been possible to define clearly the geographical limits of the application of these observations in most areas. It is expected that more extensive reporting from within the target area will improve the assessment of technical effectiveness.

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C. LISTING OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PERIOD

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2. With respect to a mechanism for intelligence evaluation of information concerning the technical effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting (reference Paragraph 8-a of NSC 169):

a. The Broadcast Evaluation Section has been established in the Office of Scientific Intelligence of CIA. Procedures have been put into effect; a staff recruited and trained; data flow initiated; special studies conducted; reports submitted to OCB.

b. A study of the present monitoring and evaluation mechanisms being utilized to determine technical effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting was carried out by the OCB Technical Panel for International Broadcasting. Recommendations for elimination of duplication of analytical effort, more rapid processing of monitoring data, and fuller integration of monitoring activities, have been implemented. Other recommendations for more interpretive studies of an operations research nature; establishment of additional monitoring sites in the Asian area closer to the target areas; and more adequate technical monitoring observations from behind the Curtain, are under consideration by the appropriate agencies.

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